

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended for clarity and to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references, claims 4, 8 and 11 are amended for clarity and consistency, claim 12 is canceled, and claims 20 and 21 are added. Claims 14-18 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. The amendments to claims 1 and 6 are supported in the specification by at least paragraphs [0092], [0102], [0115], [0116] and [0126], and Figs. 1, 3-5, and 8. New claims 20 and 21 are supported in the specification by at least paragraphs [0118] and [0119], and Figs. 4-6 and 8.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 are objected to because they depend from a rejected base claim, and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. For the reasons provided below, the rejections of the base claim (claim 1) and claim 11 are overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection and rejection be withdrawn.

II. Drawings

The drawings are objected to with regard to claim 4. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended for clarity. Accordingly, the objection is moot.

III. 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 11 are amended for clarity. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-7, 9, 13 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Sasaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,100,865); claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 13 and 19 over Ishii (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,414); and claim 12 over Tada (JP 09-265110). The rejection based on Tada is moot because claim 12 is canceled. The rejections based on Sasaki and Ishii are respectfully traversed.

With regard to Sasaki and independent claim 1, Sasaki fails to disclose an electro-optical device having a display region with storage capacitors that include electrodes separated by a dielectric film, and capacitors located external to the display region with first and second electrodes of the capacitors being separated by the same dielectric film of the storage capacitors. Sasaki fails to disclose that Sasaki's pixel capacitors and capacitors C1-C4 have electrodes separated by a dielectric film, or that the pixel capacitors and capacitors C1-C4 share any common structure.

With regard to Sasaki and independent claim 6, Sasaki fails to disclose an electro-optical device having data lines and capacitors, and the capacitors being connected in parallel with the data lines. As shown in Sasaki at Fig. 3, capacitors C1-C4 are connected in series with data lines D1-D4.

With regard to Ishii and independent claims 1 and 6, Ishii fails to disclose an electro-optical device having a display region and capacitors located external to the display region. According to page 7 of the Office Action, Ishii is interpreted to disclose inherent capacitance between data lines 30 and capacitor lines 29. That capacitance identified in the Office Action is not external to the display region of the Ishii device. See Ishii at Fig. 1 and at col. 7, lines 4-5.

For the forgoing reasons, Sasaki and Ishii fail to disclose all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 6. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn. It is also respectfully submitted that new claims 20 and 21 are allowable for at least the reasons that they depend from claims 1 and 6.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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